GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON GREENFIELD AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed a three member committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to finalise the policy for Greenfield airports in the country;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government regarding allowing private airports in the country including Metros;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the main recommendations made by the committee; and

(e) the time by which a final decision in regard to Greenfield airports is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) The Committee on Infrastructure in its meeting held on 1.11.2007 referred the Policy for Greenfield Airports to a Sub-Committee consisting of Finance Minister, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Minister of Civil Aviation to consider the issues regarding approval of Greenfield airports within 150 km of existing airports and streamlining of the approval process involving multiple entities.

(d)&(e) The Sub-Committee has recommended a detailed approval mechanism for airports falling with-in and beyond 150 Km of existing airports. The policy is being processed for obtaining the approval of the competent authority.